

These new accounts are essential to demonstrate the Department's commitment to safety, the environment, and responsible use of its facilities.

Finally, on the issue of ballistic missile defense, the committee responsibly cut back the President's \$8.3 billion request for research, development and testing of a ballistic missile defense system by \$1.3 billion. The administration's request was clearly in excess of what the Ballistic Missile Defense Office could have reasonably allocated in the coming year, and the committee was right to give priority to other military programs. The committee also took a strong stand against testing that would violate the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

It makes no sense to rush forward prematurely with tests that will violate the treaty, or with deployment of a missile defense system, when there are serious doubts about whether it will work. Our European allies and Russia continue to be skeptical about abandoning the ABM Treaty and deploying a missile defense system. We should work with our allies and continue consultations with Russia, not act unilaterally or establish arbitrary deadlines.

It is disappointing that these important ballistic missile defense provisions were removed from the bill we are currently considering. These issues are, and will continue to be, very important.

I commend my colleagues on the Armed Services Committee for their leadership in dealing with the many challenges facing our nation on national and homeland defense. This bill keeps the faith with the 2.2 million men and women who make up our active duty, guard, and reserve forces. This legislation is vital to the Nation's security, and I urge the Senate to approve it.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I rise in support of S. 1438, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2002. As the ranking Republican on the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee, I would like to thank subcommittee Chairman LANDRIEU and her staff for their cooperation in the preparation of this bill. While I may have some concerns with several issues contained within the legislation, I do support the bill and urge its adoption by the full Senate.

At this time I would like to take a moment to highlight a few important issues which are under the jurisdiction of the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee.

In particular, the legislation continues to build upon the committee's past efforts to strengthen and streamline the Department of Defense's combating terrorism program. As we were tragically reminded by the events on September 11 and last year's bombing of the U.S.S. *Cole*, it is vital that we continue to focus on this growing threat.

As we all know, the threat of attacks on our national and defense informa-

tion systems seem to grow daily. Last year, Senator WARNER proposed an innovative scholarship program to encourage young people to pursue careers with the Federal Government in the information assurance area. I am gratified that our collective efforts this year have increased support for this innovative program, as well as other Departmental efforts to enhance the security of our critical information systems. However, I am concerned that the funding level included in the bill for the scholarship program may not be sufficient.

Since the creation of the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee in 1999, I have worked hard to ensure that our nonproliferation and threat reduction programs in Russia are fulfilling their national security objectives. This year I have worked hard to incorporate the kind of oversight I believe is essential if these nonproliferation programs are going to produce the desired results.

This committee has a long history of supporting a strong and stable science and technology program and I was pleased to see the administration's budget request of \$8.8 billion in this important area. This \$1.2 billion increase over last year's request is the first step towards achieving the Secretary's goal of having science and technology programs make up 3 percent of the overall defense budget. It remains critical that we continue our support of a vibrant science and technology base.

I strongly urge the rapid adoption of this important legislation. Our Nation is faced with a daunting task ahead and now is the time to show our strong support for the men and women in the armed services who so proudly and bravely serve our Nation.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### THE DAY OF NINE-ONE-ONE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Ira Somers was my neighbor and friend when I had my house in McLean, VA. I found Ira to be not only a mental giant but also a spiritual great as well. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a poem written by Ira Somers that loudly outlines Americans' thoughts on the events of September 11, 2001.

There being no objection, the poem was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### THE DAY OF NINE-ONE-ONE

This began as a quiet day  
Lives were normal in every way.  
The sun arose with fullest light

And moved the shadows of the night.  
But this was not to last for long,  
Two big giants tall and strong  
Which seemed to stand for what is good  
Were struck by evil where they stood.

'Twas on the day of nine-one-one  
That they were lost to everyone.  
There they were, and now they're not,  
And where they stood's a gruesome spot.  
How could these giants of our day  
Be brought to naught in such a way,  
To leave this mass of jumbled parts  
Which tear with grief at all our hearts?

We sensed the feelings of despair  
In those who walked most every where  
To find the ones that they had lost  
And bring them back at any cost.  
We were moved by the kindly deed  
Of those who toiled for other's needs,  
And the many hours they have spent  
Clearing rubble from this event.

A vicious crash at the Pentagon  
Tore at the souls of every one,  
And reports of heroes in the air  
Touched hearts of people everywhere.  
We all can learn from such great loss  
To look at need before the cost  
When giving help to anyone,  
And not say quit 'till peace has won.—Ira Somers.

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred August 29, 1993 in Walla Walla, WA. A man believed to be gay was sexually assaulted with a stick, struck by the assailant's truck and abandoned in a remote area. Todd I. Klevgaard, 27, was charged with felony assault.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### AUTOMATIC MEMBER PAY INCREASE

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, there is a great sense of unity across the Nation as we begin to recover from the events of September 11. The President's speech last week gave both comfort and strength to the American people and to people around the globe.

I have been heartened by the bipartisan unity demonstrated by Congress as it acts to respond to the human and economic devastation, and we will need to maintain that unity as we ask for the sacrifices necessary to end this business.

Given all that has happened and all that will happen, it is all the more inappropriate for Congress to accept a \$4,900 backdoor pay raise.